

Remarks

Claims 10 to 12 are cancelled and claims 13 to 15 are added.
Claims 13 to 15 are added as dependent claims subsidiary to
claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 to 9 and 13 to 15 are pending in
this application of which only claim 1 is in independent form.

The applicants elect the claims of Group I, namely,
claims 1 to 9, for further prosecution.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 13 to 15 also be
examined as they are all dependent directly or indirectly from
claim 1.

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13. (Amended) ~~The tank of claim 1, wherein said~~ A work apparatus includes comprising:

an apparatus housing;

~~a tank for holding an operating substance and said tank~~

~~in the form of a tank housing;~~

said tank housing having a tank interior and including a first housing part; and, a second housing part connected to said first housing part and defining said tank interior conjointly therewith;

10 a filter wall for trapping contaminants contained in said operating substance and said filter wall being configured as one
12 piece with ~~one of~~ said first ~~and second~~ housing parts;

said filter wall extending over the interior cross section of said tank so as to partition said tank housing into at least first and second spaces;

15 said ~~tank~~ ^{first housing part} including a fill opening, for filling said
16 operating substance into said first space ~~and~~ ^{said tank including} an outflow
17 connection, ^{formed therein} through which said operating substance is drawn from
18 said second space;

20 said outflow connection being disposed in said second space downstream of said filter wall so that said contaminants are prevented by said filter wall from clogging said outflow connection; and,

said second housing part is being defined by said apparatus housing.
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14. (Amended) The tank work apparatus of claim 9, claim 13,
wherein said work apparatus includes an apparatus housing is in the form of an attachment flange.

15. (Amended) The tank work apparatus of claim 14, wherein said work apparatus includes a work tool; said attachment flange having first and second ends; and, said attachment flange is connected to said substance tank at said first end and to said
5 work tool at said second end.

1. (Amended) An operating substance tank ~~including an operating~~
2 ~~substance tank~~ for a portable handheld work apparatus, the
operating substance tank comprising:

5 a tank housing having a tank interior and including a first
housing part; and, a second housing part connected to said first
housing part and defining said tank interior conjointly
therewith;

a filter wall for trapping contaminants contained in said
operating substance and said filter wall being configured as one
10 piece with ~~one of~~ said first ~~and second~~ housing parts;

said filter wall partitioning extending over the interior
cross section of said tank so as to partition said tank housing

14 into at least first and second spaces; and,
said ^{first housing part} ~~tank~~ including a fill opening ^{formed therein} for filling said
15 operating substance into said first space ~~and~~ an outflow ^{said second housing part} including
16 connection ^{formed therein} through which said operating substance is drawn from
said second space; and,

said outflow connection being disposed in said second space
downstream of said filter wall so that said contaminants are
20 prevented by said filter wall from clogging said outflow
connection as said operating substance is drawn by said work
apparatus during operational use thereof.

2. The tank of claim 1, said filter wall comprising a plurality
of individual lamellae and each two mutually adjacent ones of
said lamellae conjointly defining a gap; and, said plurality of
individual lamellae extending from a wall of said first housing
5 part.

3. The tank of claim 2, said first and second housing parts
conjointly defining a partition plane and said lamellae ending in
said partition plane.

4. (Amended) The tank of claim 2, each of said lamellae being
configured to be approximately S-shaped or Z-shaped when viewed
in cross section.

5. The tank of claim 1, said first space including said fill

opening and said second space including said outflow connection.

6. (Amended) The tank of claim 1, wherein ~~one of said walls of~~ said first housing part ~~defines~~ has a wall defining a plane extending into the interior thereof; and, said filter wall is mounted in said plane.

7. The tank of claim 1, said first and second housing parts having first and second partition surfaces, respectively, which conjointly define a partition interface; and, said tank further comprising a solid matter seal arranged at said partition interface; and, said first and second housing parts being connected to each other with said solid matter seal being disposed therebetween.

8. The tank of claim 1, wherein said first and second housing parts are made of plastic.

9. The tank of claim 8, wherein said first and second housing parts are made of fiber reinforced plastic.

~~10. An overhead branch cutter comprising:~~

~~a work apparatus including an apparatus housing;~~

~~a rod for operatively connecting said work apparatus to said drive motor assembly so as to permit said drive motor assembly to drive said work apparatus;~~

~~a tank for holding an operating substance;~~

~~said tank having a tank housing having a tank interior and including a first housing part; and, a second housing part connected to said first housing part and defining said tank~~

~~interior conjointly therewith;~~